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"William L. Gibbons \(\wgibbons\)" <wgibbons@memphis.edu>
Date: 10/31/2018 6:38:37 PM
Subject: RE: Follow-UP/DMC Meeting

Ben – I personally think that the downtown businesses should get together and jointly fund a private security force for downtown. They are all paying a lot for security already, and could cover a lot more ground and more efficiently if they combined forces – I think it should be totally private sector owned and managed. I'd say build it and operate it with an anticipated run of 5 years, with plans to sunset it after/assuming MPD gets its complement up. Ryan said they hire retired cops for the most part (which gave me some comfort so at least it won't be in competition with MPD and sheriff for recruitment).

My son goes to USC in Los Angeles, and it's right next to South Central LA (bad area). They have a very strong university police department that does what seems to be an absolutely phenomenal job providing incredible coverage / services while not making it feel like a police state. And the safety zone goes beyond campus into a lot of city streets where students live.

In addition to providing the desperately needed security coverage, I think frankly this would provide us private sector folks with some excellent opportunities to try innovations that MPD / City is too mired in bureaucracy to try. Would give private sector a real view into what's possible in policing.

Please keep this email confidential. Would love to discuss further though.

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From: Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Bill Gibbons (wgibbons@memphis.edu) <wgibbons@memphis.edu>; Blair Taylor <btaylor@memphistomorrow.org>
Cc: Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com>
Subject: FW: Follow-UP/DMC Meeting

I met with Barry on Monday. MPD and DMC folks and Steve Schuler from Strickland's office met with downtown residents, Vergos, Belz representative etc at Goodwyn building. They are really trying to mobilize. They are still working on their facts. At this point they believe the problem is less the homeless and more the panhandlers organized under Bridge newspaper program. They sell newspapers on corners but when not doing that they get together and aggressively harass folks. They are supposed to be supervised by Rhodes students/professors but not being done well enough. They all agreed things have gotten much worse in last 18 months. Police offered no help as they say they are just understaffed to help any more. I am really concerned this will blow up in our face. Trenary, Beale street, Raymond James comments and this stuff have the makings of a trip wire. You guys know of anything happening from the top to address this? thanks

From: Barry Cox [<mailto:bcox@fssperry.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Adams, Ben C.
Subject: Re: Follow-UP/DMC Meeting

Ben,

Thanks for getting back.

Monday is my only day and between 11:00 and 1:00 are my only times as I'll be heading out of town for the week thereafter. Let me see how this afternoon goes. I have Steve Shular and Jennifer Oswalt, Colonel Bullock w/MPD (and others) coming to The Goodwyn at 5:30 for a meeting of our residents and some of the business owners and other residents in/around Madison. At our request, they are coming to discuss the issues.

Barry

On Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 2:41 PM Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com> wrote:

when could we visit? I am in town all next week.

From: Barry Cox [<mailto:bcox@fssperry.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 8:24 AM
To: Adams, Ben C.
Subject: Re: Follow-UP/DMC Meeting

Hope its not Destin....perhaps when you return we can find some time?

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 8:21 AM Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com> wrote:

At beach hopefully. Back in 23-26

Sent from my iPad

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On Oct 10, 2018, at 8:11 AM, Barry Cox <bc Cox@fssperry.com> wrote:

Ben thanks. I'm out of town at my office in East Tennessee until next Wednesday. How do you look next Thursday or Friday.

Barry

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On Oct 9, 2018, at 9:35 PM, Adams, Ben C. <badams@bakerdonelson.com> wrote:

Glad to visit. I can get together this Thursday some time or Friday early.
What are you like.

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On Oct 9, 2018, at 7:52 PM, Barry Cox <bcox@fssperry.com> wrote:

Ben,

Just want to let you know Allison and I have a meeting with Jennifer Oswalt and Penelope Huston with the DMC. Penelope just confirmed they could meet which is why this email is so late.

I am still interested in finding some time for us to meet and have a candid (and confidential if need be) discussion if you're willing and available? I'd be glad to spring for lunch if that is more convenient. Please let me know?

Best regards,

Barry

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